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SUBJECT: DAKAR CONFERENCE AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS

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1. SUMMARY. MFA DIRECTOR (UN AFFAIRS) TOLD EMBOFFS THAT CONSENSUS OF NONOIL-PRODUCING DCS AT DAKAR MEETING WAS THAT OPEC MEMBERS MUST GIVE THEM SOME FORM OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT OR ASSISTANCE IF THEY ARE TO SUPPORT OPEC POSITION AT ENERGY MEETING CALLED BY FRANCE. DCS ARE TO MEET IN NEW YORK TO ATTEMPT REACH COMMON AGREEMENT FOR FRENCH ENERGY MEETING AND TO SELECT DCS TO ATTEND FRENCH MEETING. MFA DIRECTOR REQUESTS INFORMATION CONCERNING US POSITION RE ENERGY MEETING CALLED BY FRENCH. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO REPORT OF GENERAL POLITICAL TONE AND ACTIONS OF ALGERIAN DELEGATION (REFTEL), MUNIR AKRAM, MFA DIRECTOR (UN AFFAIRS), MEMBER OF GOP DELEGATION
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TO DAKAR MEETING, GAVE EMBOFFS EXTENSIVE ACCOUNT OF

ECONOMIC CONTENT OF DAKAR MEETING AND OF GOP PLANS AS FOLLOW-UP TO THAT MEETING.

3. DELEGJIES TO DAKAR MEETING WERE UNUSUALLY FRANK. FOR EXAMPLE, PHILLIPPINE DELEGATE STATED THAT WILLINGNESS OF OPEC TO SUPPORT ITS RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FUND WAS A CRUCIAL TEST TO DETERMINE IF INTERESTS OF OPEC AND NONOIL-PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (DCS) COULD BE RECONCILED. ALL NONOIL-PRODUCING DCS TOOK POSITION THAT UNLESS THERE WAS "SOMETHING IN IT FOR THEM," THERE WAS NO POINT TO SUPPORT OPEC WITH REGARD TO ENERGY MATTERS. MANY DCS WERE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PRICES OF BASIC COMMODITIES. OTHERS INTERESTED IN GENERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. GOP PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING BETTER ACCESS FOR ITS INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS.

4. ECONOMIC RESOLUTION FIVE ADOPTED AT DAKAR CONFERENCE REFERS TO FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION OF ENERGY MATTERS AND RECOMMENDS THAT DCS MEET IN NEW YORK FOR PURPOSES OF SELECTING A COMMON POSITION AND TO SELECT THOSE OF THEIR MEMBERS TO BE INVITED TO CONFERENCE CALLED BY FRENCH. IT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT AGENDA OF FRENCH MEETING DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NOT SOLELY ENERGY.

5. GOP ATTEMPTED TO HAVE GENEVA SELECTED AS SITE FOR MEETING CALLED BY RESOLUTION FIVE BECAUSE MOST COUNTRIES HAVE TECHNICAL EXPERTS ALREADY RESIDENT AT GENEVA. HOWEVER, ALGERIA ADVOCATED (AND MANAGED TO FORCE ADOPTION OF) NEW YORK AS SITE FOR MEETING ON GROUNDS THAT MEETING SHOULD NOT BE MERELY TECHNICAL BUT SHOULD BE POLITICAL IN NATURE AS WELL AND, THUS, NEW YORK WAS BETTER SITE.

6. DAKAR RESOLUTION FIVE PROVIDES THAT DCS SHOULD SELECT THOSE OF THEIR GROUP TO BE INVITED TO MEETING CALLED BY FRENCH RATHER THAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE (GOF) SHOULD DETERMINE THOSE TO BE INVITED. GOP IS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, UNHAPPY AT REPORTED FRENCH INVITATION TO INDIA, WHOM THEY CALL "UNREPRESENTATIVE." TO ATTEND PARIS MEETING. GOP HAS DISCUSSED METHOD OF INVITATION WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRENCH AMBASSADOR RESIDENT ISLAMABAD AND HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT GOF WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO HAVING DCS DETERMINE WHICH OF THEIR MEMBERS WOULD BE INVITED TO PARIS MEETING.

7. CUBA, SENEGAL, GHANA AND PAKISTAN WERE DESIGNATED AS COUNTRIES TO PRESENT RESOLUTIONS OF DAKAR CONFERENCE TO OPEC MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ALGERIA 2-6 MARCH. GOP IS WAITING FOR REPORT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN ALGERIA AS

TO LIKELY REPRESENTATION BY OPEC MEMBERS BEFORE IT DECIDES COMPOSITION OF ITS DELEGATION TO ALGERIA. AKRAM HAS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT FORSEC AGHA SHAHI, MIN OF STATE AZIZ AHMAD OR SOMEONE ELSE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ARE BEING CONSIDERED AS DELEGATION LEADERS. RESULTS OF ALGERIA MEETING WILL ALSO INFLUENCE GOP'S SELECTION OF DELEGATION TO ATTEND NEW YORK MEETING NOW EXPECTED TO BE HELD MIN-MARCH.

8. AKRAM TOLD EMBOFFS THAT ANY INFORMATION WHICH WE COULD SHARE WITH HIM REGARDING PRESENT US THINKING AS TO ENFGY MEETING CALLED BY FRANCE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. GOP WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

9. COMMENT. AKRAM IS WELL-KNOWN TO EMBOFFS AND WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF GOP UN DELEGATION. AS HE IS BRIGHT, ARTICULATE AND COOPERATIVE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE.
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